

Docket No.: 43888-353

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Toshifumi YOSHIMINE, et al. :
Application No.: : Group Art Unit:
Filed: January 11, 2005 : Examiner:
For: VALVE-REGULATED LEAD-ACID BATTERY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.